

PONCE AN IMPORTANT TOWN

First City Captured by Americans in Porto Rico Has Plenty of Social and Business Life.

"Military Notes on Porto Rico," prepared by the war department for the information of the army, contains the following description of Ponce:

A city of 22,000 inhabitants, with a jurisdiction numbering 47,000. It is situated on the south coast of the island, on a plain, about two miles from the seashore. It is the chief town of the judicial district of its name, and is seventy miles from San Juan. It is regularly built, the central part almost exclusively of brick houses and the suburbs of wood. It is the residence of the military commander, and the seat of an official chamber of commerce.

There is an appellate criminal court, besides other courts; two churches, one Protestant, said to be the only one in the Spanish West Indies; two hospitals besides the military hospital, a home of refuge for old and poor, two cemeteries, three asylums, several casinos, three theatres, a market, a municipal public library, three first-class hotels, three barracks, a park, gas works, a perfectly equipped department of a bank, thermal, natural baths, etc.

Commerce is the life of the city. A fine road leads to the port (Playa), where all the import and export trade is transacted. Playa has about 5,000 inhabitants, and here are situated the custom house, the office of the captain of the port, and all the consular offices. The port is spacious and will hold vessels of twenty-five feet draft.

The climate, on account of the sea breezes during the day and land breezes at night, is not oppressive, but hot and dry; and, as water for all purposes, including the fire department, is amply supplied by an aqueduct 4,442 yards long, it is said that the city of Ponce is perhaps the healthiest place in the whole island. There is a stage coach to San Juan, Mayaguez, Guayama, etc. There is a railroad to Yauco, a postoffice and a telegraph station.

It is believed that Ponce was founded in 1690; it was given the title of villa in 1848, and in 1877 that of city. Of its thirty-four streets the best are Mayor, Salud, Villa, Vives, Marina and Comercio. The best squares are Principal and Las Delicias, which are separated by the church of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. The church, as old as the town itself, began to be reconstructed in 1838 and was finished in 1847. It is eighty-six yards long by forty-three broad and has two steeples, rich altars, and fine ornaments. The Protestant church is of gothic architecture, of galvanized iron outside and wood within; it was built in 1874.

The town hall, which also serves as a jail, is a good two-story building of masonry, and was finished in 1877. There are two barracks, one for infantry, with a capacity for 700 men, and another for cavalry. The former was constructed in 1848 and is two stories high, while the latter is a one-story structure belonging to the municipal council.

The military hospital, of masonry, is situated on Castillo street, and has a capacity for seventy patients. The smallpox and pestilential hospitals are situated outside the city limits. The alberque de Tricocche (hospital), was built with money left by Valentin Tricocche for this purpose in 1883. It is in the northern part of the town, is built of masonry on the doric order. It has a capacity for sixty patients.

The Damas Asylum is built of masonry, with an elegant porch, iron gate and garden at its entrance. It is maintained by money left by various persons and by other charitable means, and will accommodate twelve men and twelve women, having besides four beds designed for sick women.

The theatre is called the Pearl and it deserves this name, for it is the finest on the island. It has a sculptured porch, with an elegant porch, iron gate and garden at its entrance. It is maintained by money left by various persons and by other charitable means, and will accommodate twelve men and twelve women, having besides four beds designed for sick women.

The city of Ponce proper has no military defenses, but in the hills to the north of the town a series of earth intrenchments have lately been constructed. West of Ponce, where the railroad and military road touch, the earthworks have been constructed to guard this strategic point. There are about thirty mountain howitzers in Ponce available for defense of the city and the railroad.

PORTO RICO NEVER CAPTURED

Before Army and Navy to Make New Record in her History.

Collier's Weekly: Formerly regarded as the key to South America, Porto Rico has never before been taken. It has had the storm for an ally, fever too. Twice England attacked it. The Spaniards beat her off. Once they beat the Dutch. But though the island has never been taken, the island has been sacked. It took pirates to do it, though. The first was a choice person, named Drake. Accounts of the adventure differ, but they agree in this: His mariners were dressed in silk, his ships were rigged with damask, his topazels were cloths of gold. They were as beautifully equipped. They carried baselisks, cuirassiers, serpentine and bombardiers. The latter old prints describe as mortars, furnished with hollow shot "stuffed with fyrework," the smallest part whereof hitting a man being guaranteed to spoil him. More effective for carnage and carnage, than Camara's chemicals, they were first used for shelling purposes just 310 years ago. It was a little later that Drake appeared with them in the harbor of San Juan. With him he left the ships were in ruins and his ball and shot were scattered. Drake had Elizabeth behind him. Cumberland, who followed him there, was an equally choice but an entirely private corsair. What he lacked was the steady gale of good fortune which his colleague enjoyed. Though he took San

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Juan, fever took his men. Thereat, suspecting, as an ancient chronicler naively relates, "that the Spanish had some treacherous design on foot," he broke away with but a pearl chest for souvenir. Since then the island has withstood the attacks of three distinct flotillas. Now for the change.

IRON AND STEEL

The Market Holding its own and Making Slow Gains.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 4.—The American Manufacturer will say tomorrow:

Without anything like a decided improvement, the iron and steel trade is holding its own and making slow gains. During the past week operations in all lines have been quite active, that is in the way of production, but market transactions remain comparatively few. At the same time, the market shows more life than has been seen for some weeks past. At Philadelphia a great deal of pig iron has been contracted for by the larger consumers, and quite a number of big buyers are making negotiations. One hitch prevents the consummation of large sales.

Buyers insist on long running contracts at present rates, to which sellers object strongly, but the former have made their point in numerous instances. The smaller buyers are still waiting, secure in the belief that the market cannot be run up on them. There is a better demand for bars than has been seen for months, but there is a sharp competition in sheets. Wrought iron pipe shows more activity. Big orders for bridge and ship plates have been placed, and there are good prospects for the structural trade and small buyers are hurrying in orders for quick delivery.

At New York the trade is reported rather slow, but few orders for pig iron have been placed by eastern foundrymen. The finished lines are very quiet. Chicago reports state that the trade consists mainly of small orders, but they are fair in amount. Prices are slowly gaining strength, and southern pig iron prices have been advanced by another producer. There is a large consumption of bar iron, plates and sheet, and only a moderate trade in doing structural material. The Cincinnati pig iron market presents no new features. There is a moderate tonnage in bars, but sheets are showing some weakness. A considerable demand for pipe is shown. At Cleveland the pig iron market is unchanged and a fair amount of bar iron is being sold. The Wheeling district reports a better demand for pig iron. Little is doing among the steel makers, but the sheet trade is fair, and there is more life shown in merchant pipe.

FOREST, O. Aug. 3.—A rear-end collision occurred three miles west of here this morning between two freight trains on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad. An engine and five cars were demolished. Three of the crew were injured. They are: Fireman Walsh, legs smashed and broken; Engineer Chase, legs smashed, otherwise bruised; Conductor Miller, badly bruised. The injured men were taken to Fort Wayne.

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The Mountain Chalet.

The sixteenth annual season of this famous Chautauque will be held August 4 to 26, 1893. It is the most superb and sensibly summer resort in America, 3,800 feet above sea level on the line of the picturesque Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The climate and scenery and social surroundings are all that could be desired. \$300,000 have been spent in improvements. Mountain Lake Park is furnished with electric lights, and you are well equipped for the future. "Electric Bitters" is a good, healthy, and safe remedy. It acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Logan Drug Co.'s Drug Store, 50 cents per bottle.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, August 4.—Money on call at 10 1/2 per cent; last loan 1 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 55/16 for sixty days; posted rates \$4 54/16 and \$4 56/16. Commercial bills at \$4 52. Silver certificates \$4 50. Bar silver 60c. Mexican dollars 45c.

It was observed from the developments in the stock market to-day that wealthy and powerful speculators were placing very large amounts of money in the grangers' stocks in anticipation of a rise in prices. There were many indications also that some of the funds which were being placed in the grangers were derived from sales of some of the more prominent industrial specialties which have shown such recent large advances in prices as to yield a handsome profit on the sales. This shifting of speculation is an episode which is likely to occur in the course of longer continued advance in prices. The preliminary movement in the highly speculative industrial is generally quite apart from any general condition of business and industry. The later awakening of the more substantial railroad stocks is looked upon as indicating a more vital stage of speculation and investment. There was a broad and confident demand to-day through the whole of the railroad list, much of which must have come from the outside public. In many stocks this growth of demand met by a steady stream of offerings which left prices, in spite of quite a large volume of transactions, only slightly higher than last night.

The shifting of speculative accounts involving profit taking in the industrial, encouraged bear attacks, particularly in Sugar, Rubber, Cotton Oil and Tobacco. The whole railway list held remarkably firm in face of the weakness in the specialties, the closing showing a strong tone at or near the top. The stock and bond market, showing an increase over last year, the net in spite of largely increased operating expenses was one factor in encouraging speculation in the grangers, but the statement of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy for June and for the fiscal year was the decisive influence. The assurance of peace and the passing of the critical period for the crops, making sure the harvesting of an unprecedented volume of products, gave assurance of continued prosperity to the country after a year of unemployed labor. This general condition, of course the basis of the inception of an upward movement of prices and securities, due immediately to a speculative initiative in the grangers.

There were very heavy dealings in railroad bonds to-day, the demand being very widely distributed, but most urgent in the reorganization 4 per cent. The total sales were \$7,940,000, said to be the largest day's business on record.

There were large dealings in the government 30-day to 105, one block of 100,000, and a small block of the issue sold for 105 1/2. United States old 4 coupon advanced 3/4 per cent in the bid price. There was no other change.

The total sales of stocks to-day were \$20,800 shares.

BONDS AND STOCK QUOTATIONS.

U. S. new 4s reg. 107 1/2	Ore. R. & N. Y. 107 1/2
do coupon 107 1/2	Pittsburgh 107 1/2
U. S. 4s 111 1/2	Reading 111 1/2
do coupon 111 1/2	do first pre. 111 1/2
U. S. 5s 112 1/2	St. Paul 112 1/2
do coupon 112 1/2	do preferred 112 1/2
Pacific 105 1/2	St. P. & Omaha 105 1/2
do coupon 105 1/2	do preferred 105 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Southern Pac. 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Texas & Pac. 113 1/2
Pacific 105 1/2	Union Pac. 105 1/2
do coupon 105 1/2	Wabash 105 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Wheeling & L. E. 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	do preferred 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Adams Exp. 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Am. Express 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Wells Fargo 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Am. Spirits 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	do preferred 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Am. Tobacco 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Col. F. & Iron 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Gen. Electric 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Illinois Steel 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Lake Shore 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Long Island 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Mich. Central 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Mich. Ind. 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Mo. Pacific 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	N. Y. Central 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	N. Y. & N. J. 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Norfolk & W. 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Omaha 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Rock Island 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	St. Louis 113 1/2
U. S. 6s 113 1/2	Union Pac. 113 1/2
do coupon 113 1/2	Western Union 113 1/2

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO.—Small receipts and an active demand for shipment sustained prices in wheat to-day. September closed 1/2% higher; December is unchanged. Corn gained 1/4%. Oats advanced 1/4%. Pork left off 5c higher, and 10c and ribs 5c.

Weak Liverpool cables and generally fine weather throughout the United Kingdom and continent started wheat prices in the domestic market, however, were anything but favorable to the bears. As the bullish factors began immediately after the opening to be emphasized by figures, the market quickly threw off the depression with which it started. Chicago inspection returns showed only 76 cars, against 149 the corresponding day last year. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 77 cars, against 250 the previous year. The total at the principal primary western markets was only 375,000 bushels, against 839,000 bushels a year ago. In consequence the shipping demand for wheat in all positions was extremely good and for immediately delivery was 10c higher. Under such conditions the price for September delivery rose from 65 1/2c at the opening to 66 1/2c. Thrashing returns from Ohio were said to have forced a reduction in the estimated yield in that state of fully sixty per cent from a month ago. That was also helpful to the bulls. Toward the close those who were short September wheat bought it in and sold for December. As a result December lost part of the early gain. The clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic seaboard ports were liberal. September opened 1/2% down at 65 1/2c, firm, closed up to 66 1/2c. December closed at 66 1/2c. The market was quiet, and the price for September delivery rose from 65 1/2c at the opening to 66 1/2c. Thrashing returns from Ohio were said to have forced a reduction in the estimated yield in that state of fully sixty per cent from a month ago. That was also helpful to the bulls. Toward the close those who were short September wheat bought it in and sold for December. As a result December lost part of the early gain. The clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic seaboard ports were liberal. September opened 1/2% down at 65 1/2c, firm, closed up to 66 1/2c. December closed at 66 1/2c. 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